

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at **page 21, line 21**, and insert the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in FIG. 5, if the stirring time is the same, then the shear strength of the friction-stir-welded joint 40 is much greater than the shear strength of the conventional friction-stir-welded joint, and is about the same as the shear strength of a joint produced by a resistance spot-welding process using an electrode having a diameter of 6 mm. According to the present embodiment, therefore, it is possible to produce a member 42 with a friction-stir-welded joint having excellent bonding strength. The reason for this is that the stacked assembly 6 is firmly joined by the friction stir welding, and the protrusion 26 of the second workpiece W2 fits in the cavity 28 in the first workpiece W1, as shown in FIG. 3. Specifically, the lower end of the cavity ~~438~~28 is shaped complementarily to the recess ~~432~~18 due to plastic deformation, resulting in a tightly fit state. Since the first workpiece W1 and the second workpiece W2 are firmly joined to each other, the bonding strength increases.